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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

GERMANY'S STUNTS.

It is easy to believe the report that the Germans were building an airplane and a Zeppelin with which to make an attack upon this country. Indeed if the war had run into next year something of that kind almost certainly would have occurred, for it was by such spectacular stunts that their military masters kept the German people up to the bloody business they were in.

When the general staff sent the Zeppelins to London that body of experts certainly knew that there was not the slightest military value in the exploit. Some day when they get to telling the bitter truth about the conduct of the war we shall know how much they counted upon terrorizing the civil population of England through this and the subsequent attacks, but we do not have to wait for that to know how much importance they attached to the effect it had upon their own civilians, munitions manufacturers and war workers generally behind the lines. We can gather a pretty accurate idea as to that from the medals they cast in honor of the raids and the reports they spread through the newspapers.

The same thing occurred when the Deutschland made its first trip to this country, bringing into the harbor of Baltimore a merchant cargo and taking back some badly needed supplies. The German people were informed that this feat meant the end of the British naval blockade which was compelling the burgers to draw their belts tighter and tighter and forcing the manufacturers of food substitutes to double their forces and work over time. Another exploit which was used to stiffen up the back bone of the Germans was the raid against Entente commerce just off the New England coast in 1916.

The big gun, or guns, that was used to shell Paris was a part of this singular campaign. This pop gun bombardment set the Berlin crowds wild with joy. It renewed pagan faith in the national idol, Might, and it satisfied a blood lust which grew with the progress of the war.

In view of the yellow streak they showed as soon as the Allies brought themselves around to the point where they were willing to indulge in air reprisals, it may be doubted that the German people would have stayed in the war as long as they did if they had not been systematically bamboozled with these devices which had no other effect upon the foe than to make him more determined than ever to win over an antagonist willing to make war upon women and children. The air raids on England during the days before Britain adopted conscription sent more men into the army than all the recruiting campaigns put together, but they also kept the Germans in the war, and it will not be

surprising to find out that as long as they could do that the master strategists were willing to keep them and all similar operations up.

HOW FARMERS' WIVES FOUGHT THE WAR.

THIS is a little tribute to the farmer's wife and daughter for what they did in the fields to help win the war. Secretary of Agriculture Houston, in his annual report, summarizes the output and effort of American farms in these figures: Corn yield, 1918, 2,749,000,000 bushels; wheat yield, 1918, 918,920,000 bushels. Acreage in 1917 planted to wheat, corn, potatoes, tobacco and cotton, 283,000,000; acreage in 1918 planted to same crops, 289,000,000. Gain, 5,600,000 acres.

The part the millions of men, women and boys and girls on the farms and in the organized agricultural agencies assisting them, including the federal department of agriculture, the state colleges and departments of agriculture and farmers' organizations played during the war in sustaining this nation and those with which we are associated," remarks Mr. Houston, "is striking but altogether too little known and appreciated.

"On them rested the responsibility for maintaining and increasing food production, and for assisting in securing fuller conservation of food and foodstuffs."

Yes, and the farmer's wife went out into the fields after doing up her household and plowed, harrowed and planted and cultivated beside her husband so the boy could go to war and so there'd be more busy acres and more food for everybody in America and Europe.

And her daughter pitched hay and rode on the rake and the binder and the cultivator and the wagon in the hot sun for the same reasons. And the country and the world is fed and grateful.

Some day somebody is going to write the story of how the farmer's wives stood in the muddy furrows in the fields to help the world to freedom, and it's going to be the story of many Molly Pitchers in one and it'll be a best seller, too.

THE POINT OF A BENT PIN.

REMEMBER, don't you, the usually decorous teacher who one day seated himself abruptly on the point of a bent pin? How that tiny thing did irritate him, didn't it? He was grouchy for several days after, you may recall.

It's the little things which are to most of us the biggest annoyances. The simple loss of a single small button is sufficient to send some men into hot or cold rages, according to their mercurial or phlegmatic temperaments. In such a state they often make their wives regret the loss of spinsters.

Little things, however, make up the sum of content; of industry, of joy and grief and life. They are not to be treated with contempt. They are too important.

Look out for the little things. Avoid occasional in-thrusts. That's the way to add to the total of pleasure in the world.

An astonishing amount of newspaper dirty linen is being washed in full view in that senate inquiry into the activities of the brewers, and the incident makes it dear that we are approaching a turning point in journalism in this country, and will soon have to decide whether we shall have newspapers that are frankly personal organs, like those of the French, or newspapers which, while owned by individuals or corporations, are conducted by responsible editors and managers in the same frank and above board way public service corporations are in this country. We can't go on much farther with the kind of journalism Bruce Bialski has been telling about and retain the confidence of the public.

One of the London newspapers says that the British government has decided to make a claim for \$40,000,000,000 as reparation for damage done to Britain and the colonies by the Central powers during the war. It is expected that the French claim will be even larger than the British. Manifestly the Germans made a great mistake in not throwing up their hands when the Russian formula of "no annexations; no indemnities" was in high favor throughout the world.

The American army of occupation has reached the Rhine at Mainz, where they will settle down while the German people think the situation over and make up their minds what ought to be done to the rulers and military men who told them the United States could not raise an army in the first place and could not get it to Europe if it did succeed in raising one.

The weather man says tomorrow will be cloudy and warmer. That is not exactly an encouraging prediction, but just the same tomorrow would be a good day to make an effort to take the undercurrent of complaint out of the weekly attendance report of the Sunday School Union. Go to Sunday school tomorrow and stay for church services. It is a good way to start any week.

Senator Walsh yesterday told the senate that he objected to the small nations having an equal voice in dictating armament or other vital policies of the great powers in any league of nations. A feeling identical with that almost prevented the formation of this Republic, yet when they got right down to it the members of the Constitutional convention worked out a system which has been wonderfully successful as governments go. Is it too much to assume that the Peace congress would be equally fortunate if it were given a fair chance?

sion "going some" seems to be justified by this.

It would be dangerous to go at that pace on a circular course.

Flu has Clarksburg on the run.

That's what happens when health authorities do not take a matter of this kind seriously.

The flu is just like a spoiled kid.

It insists upon being noticed.

Guest of Miss Miller.

Miss Caroline Ward, of Charleston, is the guest of Miss Helen Quarrier Miller at her home in Fairmont avenue. She accompanied Miss Miller home from New York.

Coming Home Today.
Mrs. Clarence W. Watson and Mrs. W. H. Conaway who had spent the last two weeks at French Lick, Ind., are expected to arrive home today.

Mrs. John Smeltzer, who is residing here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward, is recovering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Ward has also had a light attack of the malady.

Eleanor Gabert, little granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kinkadee, is recovering from an illness from influenza. Mrs. Kinkadee is also recovering from a several days' illness.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY

By E. E. Meredith.

Jesse Hughes was a bold pioneer who took a conspicuous part in the defense of the whites in border warfare. He was celebrated in his day for courage and shrewdness. He was bred in the hot-bed of Indian warfare from infancy and lived much of the time at Clarksburg. In 1799 eight or ten Indians stole some horses at that point and early the next morning a party of 25 men started in pursuit. The captain was jealous of Hughes and pursued the trail against his advice until ambushed with the loss of two lives. The party then elected Hughes its commander. When Hughes objected to trailing the Indians in the first place the captain marched off commanding "all men" to "follow," remarking that "cowards" could go home. Hughes felt the insult but followed. When the party reached the Ohio river and found the Indians had crossed Hughes called for volunteers to follow him across the river in pursuit. He then said he would go alone and either bring back a scalp or leave one. He found the Indian camp deserted, excepting a single guard, whom he killed, bringing back the scalp as a trophy.

Home baked pies and pastries. Boyer's Restaurant. Ad.

MONONGAH GLASS CO. CANADIAN MAN HERE

Says "Flu" Has Struck Canada Also—Likes New Plant.

Inroads of the "flu" have been made in Canada, according to W. P. Garvin, of Hamilton, the Canadian representative of the Monongah Glass company, who was in Fairmont yesterday. The "flu" is quite serious in parts of Canada.

Daily the war scenes on the streets of Hamilton are becoming more pathetic, said Mr. Garvin, who pictured how the wounded soldiers are hobbling about the streets on wooden legs or crutches.

The people of Canada are more friendly than ever toward the Americans, Mr. Garvin said, but he intimated that they would resent any annexation movement.

Yesterday Mr. Garvin visited the plant of the Monongah Glass company and was very much impressed with the company's new equipment. Today he left for New York city.

MANNINGTON

From "Over-Seas"
Dennis Bell, on crutches and accompanied by father, F. H. Bell, arrived home from Camp Meade Md. yesterday morning where in a base hospital he has been recovering from wounds received in battle on the French front. Private Bell received a broken leg and other minor injuries from a shrapnel shell while in action. He is the first Mannington boy to arrive home from over-seas service.

Corporal Marville Home.
Corporal Marville, in the U. S. Cavalry, stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., has returned to his home in High street here.

Children Sang.
A large number of Mannington children sang at the revival service at the Christian church last evening. The meetings which are being conducted nightly are meeting with splendid success. There have been a number of accession to the church all of whom are adults. Everyone invited.

M. E. Conference.
The first quarterly conference of the M. E. church was held in the church last evening at 7:30. The new District Superintendent, C. Fred Anderson presided.

From Camp.
Dallas Hamilton, with the U. S. Army at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., has returned here to the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Hamilton in Main street.

Ill of Influenza.
Alonso E. Tedrick is reported ill of influenza at the home of his brother, H. H. Tedrick in Pleasant street.

Hotel Arrivals.
Bartlett—S. W. Thompson, J. A. Householder, Geo. S. Thomas, Pittsburg, Mo. Austin, Grafton, N. H. Reardon, Jacksonville, E. Herick, Cleveland, E. P. Parker, Parkersburg, W. J. Moore, Smithfield, Harry Snodgrass, A. Copenhaver, I. G. McDaniel, Clarksburg, B. F. Bowser, Grafton, Chas. L. Wallace, Cameron, H. E. Woods, Detroit, John Kelly, Bellaire, O. W. N. Sheldahl, Wolf Summit, R. W. Wittekind, Marietta, O.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Heckman have returned from a visit with relatives in Pittsburg.

James Devore, of Rymer was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Roy B. Naylor, and son, John have returned to their home in Wheeling after a visit with relatives here.

W. R. Martin has returned from a business visit in Moundsville.

Miss Beulah Leggett of Pullman, Ritchie county is the guest of her brother, J. S. Leggett and family in Broadside.

W. C. Renshaw returned Thursday evening from a visit in Western Pennsylvania.

George T. Welby attended the Shriner's banquet in Wheeling last evening.

Mrs. Guy S. Furbie has returned from a brief visit with friends in Wheeling.

Miss Nelle Padden of Farmington was the guest of friends in Mannington yesterday.

H. M. Fowler of Barnesville, Ohio was a business visitor in the city this week.

Fred A. Prichard left yesterday for a few days visit with friends in Wheeling.

P. C. Atha, of Farmington, was a business visitor here yesterday.

J. R. Timms attended the Scottish Rite meeting in Wheeling this week.

Dr. F. E. Flowers has returned from a few days visit in Fairmont.

Robert M. Ashcraft of Fairmont, was the guest of friends here today.

Miss Jeanette Morgan is home from W. V. U. at Morgantown for the week end.

C. C. Coffman, is the guest of relatives in Clarksburg.

Miss Florence Connelly who is home from Fairmont left this morning for Wheeling to spend the day.

Dewey Edgell has returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Pittsburg.

John Louderlager of Fairmont was a visitor in the city yesterday.

THE SALVATION ARMY.
214 JACKSON, ST.
Capt. and Mrs. John O'Brien in Command.

Lieut. James F. Fmof, assistant. All meetings, 10:30; Sunday School, 2:30; Open Air Meeting, 7:30; Evangelist Meeting, 8:00.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services especially those who do not attend any other religious house of worship.

Dec. 7th, 1918.

COURTNEY'S STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

How Often Have You Wondered— "How Far Will a Dollar Go, This Christmas?"

CHRISTMAS!

The vision broadens until the great day comes then narrows to the quieter New Year's Day, living at length in the worry and work of the New Year as a pleasant memory of the past joys.

Christmas joys are great—none of us care to go without them, for Christmas is the bubbling over period granted us all once a year—when the young reign supreme and us older folks grab back our youth for a day.

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DRESS HATS
For the Holiday Season.



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Our Millinery Section
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They are just what you will need for the holiday festivities. They are here in the most desired evening shades—Gold, Maize, Pink, Blue, Nile, Green and White; made of material combinations of net, satin, taffeta, georgette crepe, gilt and silver.

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BOULT

Montana K. G. E. Elects Officers.

The Love Castle No. 37, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Montana, elected officers for the first half of 1919 at the regular meeting Wednesday night, as follows: Noble chief, Jas. D. Bowman, of Hout; vice chief, Howard Vincent, of Hout; high priest, Benj. E. Wilson, of Hout; V. H. J. B. Herskell, of Montana; master of records, J. V. Williams, of Rivesville; clerk of exchequer, R. W. Curmutte, of Montana; keeper of exchequer, C. E. Garkill, of Fairmont; supt. of Parker Run Mine. Since the Rivesville castle merged with Love Castle it has been greatly strengthened. The West Side Sir Knights are taking greater interest in the castle's welfare than those on this side of the river. There are considerable over a hundred members and a surplus of \$2,000 in treasury.

The Ladies Temple elect officers on Friday night.

Big Boy at Will Hout's.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hout on Monday, a big boy. There was much rejoicing in the family over the event, owing to the fact that this was the first boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Hout, who are getting well along in years, and have five girls. Will had to lay off work and rejoice. He says "it was just like Christmas at our house Monday."

Hout Auxiliary Red Cross.
Hout auxiliary of the Red Cross

held a business session Wednesday and elected officers, as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Jas. D. Bowman; secretary, Mrs. L. A. Huffman; treasurer, Jas. D. Bowman; chairman of workroom, Mrs. Wm. H. Hall; superintendent home service department, Mrs. S. J. Smith.

There will be work for the workroom next Wednesday. Meetings at residence of Mrs. S. O. Cummings this winter.

Personals.
Miss Hazel Bowman, who was staying with her sister, Mrs. S. M. Casteel, at Perra Alta, returned home Wednesday on account of her health. There are only a few new cases of

"flu," while all the old cases are better. It does not seem to be of a malignant form.

Mrs. Nellie Hurr was visiting Mrs. Vada Hartley at Viola Tuesday. Mrs. Hurr has moved to Fairmont in order that her daughters may have better school facilities.

Mrs. Sarah Watkins of Fairmont is a guest at Mrs. Dora L. Hout this week.

Miss Valley Ross, the teacher, resumed her duties here again today, after a week's attack of influenza.

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